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ERGONOMIC HAND TOOL

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a Response to a Restriction Requirement

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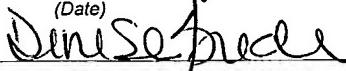
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 18, 2005 in the above-identified application. Please enter the following election and remarks.

Applicant herewith elects, with traverse, Group I, Figures 1-3, which are related to Claims 1-4 and 6-8. Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement and, in particular, the restriction of Group I

from Group II. Group I and Group II are, in common, drawn to limitations pertaining to a hand tool having a frame, a working element, a handle means, and a brace means. Claim 5 and Figure 4 merely represent a species of the genus recited in Claim 1, wherein the working element is removably securable to the frame. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner will necessarily search for and evaluate the subject matter of Claim 5 in conducting the examination of Claims 1-4 and 6-8. Accordingly, Claim 5 should be combined with Claim 1-4 and 6-8 for examination purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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